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WEEKLY RECAP

- Appropriations** The first minibus, containing Milcon-VA, Energy and Water titles went to the President's desk for signature this week.
- Hearings** The Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Oceans held a hearing entitled, "Fish Fights: An Examination of Conflicts Over Ocean Resources" on Tuesday, 9/18.
- Legislation** House Energy and Commerce members introduced the PFAS Federal Facility Accountability Act on Monday, 9/17.
- Meetings** Administrator Glenn met with North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Michael Regan and federal colleagues from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) on Wednesday, 9/19.
- Administrator Wheeler and OCIR had a call with Rep. Denham (R-CA) re. the surrounding Bay-Delta and related water issues on Friday, 9/21.
- OCIR called Congressional staff re. its website updates to provide new information on small refinery exemption and RIN trading on Thursday, 9/20.

LOOK-A-HEAD

- Sept. 24 Both the House and Senate Chambers are expected to be in session.
- Sept. 24 The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will hold three public listening sessions the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule.
- Sept. 26 The Senate Homeland Security Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight will host a hearing entitled, "The Federal Role in the Toxic PFAS Chemical Crisis," The director of EPA's Office of Ground and Drinking Water, Peter Grevatt will testify on Wednesday, 9/26.
- Oct. 4 The Administrator will travel to Seattle, Washington for a Region 10 visit.

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- Committed Republican works against the clock to rescue LWCF [[HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060095149"](https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060095149)]
- America is now the world's largest oil producer [[HYPERLINK "https://energycommerce.house.gov/news/blog/america-is-now-the-worlds-largest-oil-producer/"](https://energycommerce.house.gov/news/blog/america-is-now-the-worlds-largest-oil-producer/)]



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- Barrasso: America's Water Infrastructure Act Is Good for the Entire Nation [HYPERLINK "<https://www.sheridanmedia.com/news/barrasso-america-s-water-infrastructure-act-good-entire-nation101049>"]
- Trump visits Hurricane Florence-ravaged Carolinas [HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/19/politics/donald-trump-north-carolina-visit-florence/index.html>"]